

Office ceremony, he presented the 2005 National Medals of Arts and National Humanities Medals.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with President Ali Abdallah Salih of Yemen. Later, in an Oval Office ceremony, he received diplomatic credentials from Ambassador Lee Tae Sik of South Korea.

Later in the afternoon, in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President dropped by a meeting of business leaders.

Also in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a bill-signing ceremony for H.R. 2744, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner for the 40th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The President declared a major disaster in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on October 7–16.

The President declared a major disaster in Puerto Rico and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides on October 9–15.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted November 7

Mark D. Acton,
of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2010, vice Dana Bruce Covington, Sr., term expired.

Kristie A. Kenney,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Philippines.

John L. Palmer,
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

John L. Palmer,
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

John L. Palmer,
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Thomas R. Saving,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Thomas R. Saving,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Thomas R. Saving,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Robert Weisberg,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Congo.

Submitted November 9

Michael Joseph Copps,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Federal
Communications Commission for a term of
5 years from July 1, 2005, (reappointment).

Carol A. Dalton,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Asso-
ciate Judge of the Superior Court of the Dis-
trict of Columbia for the term of 15 years,
vice A. Noel Anketell Kramer, elevated.

Paul J. McNulty,
of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General,
vice James B. Comey, resigned.

Janet Ann Sanderson,
of Arizona, a career member of the Senior
Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,
to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-
potentiary of the United States of America
to the Republic of Haiti.

Deborah Taylor Tate,
of Tennessee, to be a member of the Federal
Communications Commission for the re-
mainder of the term expiring June 30, 2007,
vice Michael K. Powell, resigned.

Submitted November 10

Samuel A. Alito, Jr.,
of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of
the Supreme Court of the United States, vice
Sandra Day O'Connor, retiring.

Duane Acklie,
of Nebraska, to be an Alternate Representa-
tive of the United States of America to the
60th Session of the General Assembly of the
United Nations.

Goli Ameri,
of Oregon, to be a Representative of the
United States of America to the 60th Session
of the General Assembly of the United Na-
tions.

Robert C. Cresanti,
of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Com-
merce for Technology, vice Phillip Bond, re-
signed.

Uttam Dhillon,
of California, to be Director of the Office
of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Depart-
ment of Homeland Security (new position).

Leo Maury Gordon,
of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the U.S.
Court of International Trade, vice Thomas
J. Aquilino, Jr., retired.

Stephen C. King,
of New York, to be a member of the Foreign
Claims Settlement Commission of the
United States for the term expiring Sep-
tember 30, 2008, vice Jeremy H. G. Ibrahim,
term expired.

Robert C. O'Brien,
of California, to be an Alternate Representa-
tive of the United States of America to the
60th Session of the General Assembly of the
United Nations.

Donald M. Payne,
of New Jersey, to be a Representative of the
United States of America to the 60th Session
of the General Assembly of the United Na-
tions.

Edward Randall Royce,
of California, to be a Representative of the
United States of America to the 60th Session
of the General Assembly of the United Na-
tions.

David M. Spooner,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of
Commerce, vice James J. Jochum, resigned.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office
of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as
items nor covered by entries in the Digest of
Other White House Announcements.

Released November 5

Transcript of a press gaggle by National Se-
curity Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the
Summit of the Americas